INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

| A. CLASSIF IPC 7 | E21B21/01 E21B21/00 E21B4/00 | | | | | | | | |
|--|---|---|-----------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | Land Charles Olers (Seption (IDO) and both retional algorification | ion and IDC | | | | | | | |
| | International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification | on and it | | | | | | | |
| | cumentation searched (classification system followed by classification E21B | symbols) | | | | | | | |
| Documentat | ion searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that suc | ch documents are included in the fields se | arched | | | | | | |
| Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used) | | | | | | | | | |
| EPO-In | ternal | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| C. DOCUM | ENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT | | | | | | | | |
| Category ° | Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the rele | vant passages | Relevant to claim No. | | | | | | |
| Α | US 6 598 685 B1 (MASHBURN BENNY DO 29 July 2003 (2003-07-29) column 1, line 55 - column 2, line | 1–4 | | | | | | | |
| | figure 1 | | ~ | | | | | | |
| А | US 5 379 852 A (STRANGE, JR. ET A 10 January 1995 (1995-01-10) abstract | 1-4 | | | | | | | |
| А | US 4 495 073 A (BEIMGRABEN ET AL) 22 January 1985 (1985-01-22) abstract | | 1-4 | | | | | | |
| A | US 3 997 009 A (FOX ET AL) 14 December 1976 (1976-12-14) abstract | | 1–4 | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C. | | | | | | | | | |
| · | | "T" later document published after the Inte- or priority date and not in conflict with | the application but | | | | | | |
| "A" document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance invention "E" earlier document but published on or after the international "X" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention | | | | | | | | | |
| filing date "L" document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another "Cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone "Y" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention | | | | | | | | | |
| citation or other special reason (as specified) "O" document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled | | | | | | | | | |
| "P" docum | family | | | | | | | | |
| Date of the | actual completion of the international search | Date of mailing of the international sea | arch report | | | | | | |
| 1 June 2005 | | 08/06/2005 | | | | | | | |
| Name and mailing address of the ISA European Patent Office, P.B. 5818 Patentlaan 2 Authorized officer | | | | | | | | | |
| NL - 2280 HV Rijswijk Tel. (+31-70) 340-2040, Tx. 31 651 epo nl, Fax: (+31-70) 340-3016 | | Morrish, S | | | | | | | |

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

| Inter nal Application No |
|--------------------------|
| PCT/IT2005/000120 |

| Patent document cited in search report | | Publication date | | Patent family member(s) | Publication date |
|--|----|---------------------|----------------|---|--|
| US 6598685 | B1 | 14-08-2003 | US AU WO | 2003150616 A1 2003205369 A1 03069123 A2 | 14-08-2003 04-09-2003 21-08-2003 |
| US 5379852 | A | 10-01-1995 | NONE | | |
| US 4495073 | A | 22-01-1985 | NONE | | |
| US 3997009 | Α | 14-12-1976 | NONE | | |